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SUBJECT: CYPRUS--CLERIDES THREATENS TO RESIGN

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ACTING PRESIDENT GLAFKOS CLERIDES WILL ANNOUNCE HIS INTENTION

TO RESIGN FROM OFFICE DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER

CLERIDES THUS INTENDS TO FORCE 25X1X6

THE ISSUE OF HIS STATUS WITH THE GREEK GOVERNMENT AND WITH ARCH-BISHOP MAKARIOS. HE WILL REMAIN IN OFFICE ONLY IF ATHENS AND MAKARIOS DECLARE THAT THE ARCHBISHOP WILL NOT RETURN TO CYPRUS IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND. THAT IN THE MEANTIME. CLERIDES HAS THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR ANY AGREEMENTS HE MAY CONCLUDE IN HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH TURKSTH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH.

THE ACTING PRESIDENT IS REPORTEDLY CONCERNED THAT ATHENS!

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EQUIVOCAL POSITION TOWARD HIM, ALONG WITH MAKARIOS' MACHINATIONS AND ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO RETURN TO THE ISLAND, HAS SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED HIS ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE WITH DENKTASH WHO HAS BEEN RELUCTANT TO OFFER ANY CONCESSIONS ORE COMMITMENTS UNLESS CLERIDES HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF GREECE. CLERIDES CLAIMS THAT HIS ABILITY TO SECURE THE COOPERATION OF THE VARIOUS GROUPS WITHIN THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY HAS ALSO BEEN IMPAIRED. E-2 IMPDET.d ESPECIAL DISTRIBUTION: W EUR DIV AND NIO 25X1A9a

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